

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A network security apparatus comprising:
a billing server configured to calculate security protection consumption during a period of time by quantifying damages avoided by one or more blocked attacks.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein calculating security protection consumption further includes determining whether a blocked attack would have exploited a network vulnerability.
3. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein ~~determination~~ determining ~~[[if]]~~ whether a blocked attack would have exploited network vulnerability includes ~~determined by~~ replaying the attack on ~~[[the]]~~ an internal network.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a scanner configured to scan one or more devices for vulnerabilities.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the scanner is configured to quantify the risk of one or more devices.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the scanner is located within a customer network.
7. (Original) The apparatus of clam 1, further comprising an intrusion suppression module configured to block attacks.
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the intrusion suppression module is configured to maintain a list of attacks sustained and blocked during a period of time.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the intrusion suppression module is located outside a customer network.

10. (Currently amended) A network security method comprising ~~comprised of~~:
quantifying damages avoided by one or more blocked attacks; and
calculating security protection consumption during a period of time.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising ~~comprised of~~
determining whether a blocked attack would have exploited network vulnerability.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising ~~comprised of~~ scanning
one or more devices for vulnerabilities.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising ~~comprised of~~
quantifying the risk of one or more devices.

14. (Currently amended) The method claim 1, further comprising ~~comprised of the~~ blocking
one or more attacks.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising ~~comprised of the~~
maintaining [[of]] a list of attacks sustained and blocked during a period of time.

16. (Original) A network security apparatus comprised of:
means for quantifying damages avoided by one or more blocked attacks; and
means for calculating security protection consumption during a period of time.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, further comprised of the means for determining
whether a blocked attack would have exploited network vulnerability.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, further comprised of the means for scanning one or
more devices for vulnerabilities.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising the means for quantifying the risk of one or more devices.

20. (Original) The apparatus claim 16, further comprising the means for blocking one or more attacks.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, further comprising the means for maintaining a list of attacks sustained and blocked during a period of time.

22. (Currently amended) A computer program product ~~stored on~~ embodied in a tangible computer-readable medium, and the program comprising computer instructions for:
quantifying damages avoided by one or more blocked attacks; and
calculating security protection consumption during a period of time.

23. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising computer instructions for determining whether a blocked attack would have exploited network vulnerability.

24. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising computer instructions for scanning one or more devices for vulnerabilities.

25. (Currently amended) The computer program product of ~~apparatus~~ of claim ~~[[23]]~~ 21, further comprising computer instructions for quantifying risk of one or more devices.

26. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising computer instructions blocking one or more attacks.

27. (Currently amended) The computer program product ~~apparatus~~ of claim ~~[[25]]~~ 26, further comprising computer instructions ~~means~~ for maintaining a list of attacks sustained and blocked during a period of time.

28. (Cancelled)